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Staff meeting.

I talked to Reed Harris about a Joint Chiefs of Staff paper which favors, for a variety of reasons, a certain curtailment of the volume of Voice of America broadcasts to iron curtain countries. I discussed this matter later with Chip, and we intend to maintain the State Department position in spite of the comments of the Joint Chiefs.

Ambassador Edwin Locke came to see me. I told him we contemplated a reorganization of his ambassadorial functions which would relieve him of his present responsibilities, and in effect would abolish the positions he now occupies so far as their present form is concerned. He took this [redacted] well, said [redacted] he had for some time wished to return to private business, and it was arranged [redacted] he would talk [redacted] to Hank Byrcade this afternoon.

Frank Gowen came to tell me of his conversation with Bedell Smith, about [redacted] which Bedell had already telephoned me this morning.

I [redacted] lunch at the Metropolitan Club, and afterwards attended a briefing session in the Secretary's office on Iran, before we met with substantially the same group of representatives of large American oil companies who had come down here last week.

We had a long discussion, and Paul Nitze is leaving tonight for London at the invitation of the British Government to discuss Iranian oil affairs with Bob Dixon.

We went to dinner tonight at the Bonnets. There were the Harrimans, the Wisners, the Clark Cliffords, the Finleys, the Bonbrights, Betty

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